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DISAGGREGATION

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SUMMARY: THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AT GENSCHER'S REQUEST,
IS REVIEWING THE FRG'S APPROACHES TO DISAGGREGATION OF
NATIONAL TOTALS IN THE "OTHER PERSONNEL" CATEGORY.
PRINCIPAL FRG CONCERN IS THAT 60,000 MAN "TERRITORIAL
ARMY," PRESENTLY INCLUDED UNDER "OTHER"
CATEGORY, NOT BE EXPOSED. END SUMMARY.

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1. ON JUNE 21, I CALLED ON FOREIGN OFFICE STATE
SECRETARY VAN WELL FOR A BRIEFING ON FOREIGN MINISTER
GENSCHER'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW AND OTHER TOPICS,
INCLUDING MBFR. (GENSCHER'S TRIP AND OTHER TOPICS
BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL.)

2. VAN WELL TOLD ME THAT, AS GENSCHER HAD PREVIOUSLY

PROMISED THE SECRETARY, THE FRG IS REVIEWING ITS POSITION ON MBFR AND THE DISAGGREGATION OF NATIONAL TOTALS. A PAPER IS BEING PREPARED IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO BE SUBMITTED TO GENSCHER FOR A DECISION WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT BE CERTAIN YET EXACTLY WHAT PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE, VAN WELL SPECULATED THAT THE PAPER WILL:

-- SUPPORT THE "DAMPENING DOWN" OF DISCUSSIONS IN NATO CONTEXT;

-- ADVOCATE ADVANCING TO DISCUSSION OF A NATO DISCLAIMER ON NATIONAL TOTALS;

-- REVIEW FRG POSITIONS ON THE "OTHER PERSONNEL" CATEGORY.

3. VAN WELL DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE FIRST TWO POINTS, BUT HE DID SUGGEST SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH THE "OTHER PERSONNEL" TOTALS. HE OBSERVED THAT THE FRG CARRIED ABOUT 10,000 MEN UNDER "INTEGRATED HEAD-QUARTERS" AND MENTIONED THAT PERHAPS CATEGORIES SUCH AS TRAINING SCHOOL PERSONNEL, DEFENSE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, AND REAR SERVICES COULD BE PULLED OUT OF THE MORE GENERAL CATEGORY. IN COMPARISON TO THE U.S., HE SAID, THE FRG HAS HARDLY ANY SUPPORT TROOPS. INSTEAD, SECRET

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AMONG THE APPROXIMATELY 80,000 PERSONNEL THE FRG LISTS UNDER THE "OTHER" CATEGORY ARE ABOUT 60,000 MEN IN THE "TERRITORIAL ARMY." THE FRG, VAN WELL SAID, WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO IDENTIFYING THIS GROUP BY NATIONALITY.

4. ACCORDING TO VAN WELL, GENSCHER PLANS TO CARRY A NEW SET OF PROPOSALS BASED ON THIS REVIEW WITH HIM WHEN HE GOES TO MEET SECRETARY VANCE IN PARIS. IN ANSWER TO HIS QUERY, I SAID THAT I EXPECTED THAT SECRETARY VANCE WOULD PROBABLY BE COMING SIMILARLY PREPARED.

5. COMMENT: I NOTE THAT VAN WELL'S DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW FRG PROPOSAL ON DATA DISAGGREGATION VARIES SOMEWHAT FROM THE IDEA DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY BY RUECKRIEGEL WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER (REFTEL). VAN WELL'S DESCRIPTION OF THE EVOLVING FRG POSITION WOULD APPEAR TO BE LESS FORTHCOMING THAN ANTICIPATED PREVIOUSLY. WE WILL FOLLOW UP AT THE WORKING LEVEL TO TRY TO ELICIT MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND REPORT. END COMMENT.

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